## Action taken by Government on the various resolutions passed in the Council.

9. **Mr. K. T. Mathew.**— Will the Government be pleased to state what action has been taken by Government with reference to the resolutions passed by the Legislative Council at the legislative session and to give reason, if no action has yet been taken?

**Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.**—The member is referred to the Cochin Government Gazettes, dated 9th January 1926, 27th March 1926, 17th April 1926 and 15th May 1926 with regard to 5 of the resolutions. The remaining one is under consideration.

## Particulars of the questions put and answered in the previous sessions of the Council.

10. **Mr. K. T. Mathew.**—Will the Government be pleased to inform.—

(a) the names of non-official members who submitted questions to be put in the last budget session; how many questions were put by each of them and how many of them were answered before the close of the budget session; the total number of questions received for the budget session and how many of them were answered during the session;

(b) the names of non-official members who submitted questions for the first meeting of the legislative session: how many questions were put by each of them and how many of them were answered at the first meeting of the legislative session; the total number of questions received for the first meeting of the legislative session and how many of them were answered during the first meeting;

(c) the names of non-official members who submitted questions for the second meeting of the legislative session; how many questions were put by each of them and how many of the questions submitted by them after the first meeting of the legislative session were answered during the second meeting of the legislative session; the total number of questions received after the first meeting of the legislative session and admitted for the second meeting and how many of those questions were answered during the second meeting of the session;

(d) the names of non-official members who submitted questions for the third meeting of the legislative session; how many questions were put by each of them and how many of the

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questions submitted after the second meeting of the legislative session were answered during the third meeting of the session; the total number of questions received after the second meeting of the legislative session and admitted for the third meeting and how many of those questions were answered during the third meeting of the session;

(e) the total number of questions received for the three meetings of the legislative session; and how many of them remained unanswered at the close of the session; and the reason for not answering those questions?

**Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.**—(a), (b), (c) & (d) Vide statement appended. (*Appendix IV.*)

(e) Questions received—627.

Do unanswered—156. The nature of the questions themselves, the large number of questions that had to be dealt with in all and the amount of work devolving on the Secretariat and Heads of Departments are the only reasons for not answering all the questions.

**Mr. K. T. Mathew.**—The answer is given that only 156 questions out of 627 questions remain unanswered. I desire to know whether better arrangement might not be made for answering a more satisfactory number of questions in the future. We want to get answers for as many questions as possible.

**President.**—We do not agree with you in that this is an unsatisfactory number. As against 627 questions put, only 156 questions were left unanswered.

**Mr. K. T. Mathew.**—You answered so many, because we put them so many times We repeated them so many times, and yet 156 remain unanswered. I am drawing the attention of the Council to—

**President.**—We do not want to withhold any information. We have got a regular process. We have to get the necessary materials from our Heads of Departments.

**Mr. K. T. Mathew.**—I am only asking to expedite.

**President.**—There need not be any reflection on the Government that they are indifferent to the answering of questions. That is all that I want to point out.

## Political and Constitutional Reforms in the State.

**11. Mr. K. T. Mathew.**—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) whether the Government is not aware that a meeting of Cochinites residing in Bombay was held last year with Mr.

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